



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 409**

February Session, 2010

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM USING CIVILIAN VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF STATE AND MUNICIPAL LAWS CONCERNING PARKING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES THAT LIMIT OR IMPAIR THE ABILITY TO WALK AND PERSONS WITH BLINDNESS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective January 1, 2011*) (a) The Commissioner of Motor  
2       Vehicles, in conjunction with the police departments of three  
3       municipalities, shall conduct a pilot program for improved  
4       enforcement of the provisions of state statutes and municipal  
5       ordinance codes concerning handicapped parking, with the assistance  
6       of civilian volunteers.

7       (b) Any municipality that wishes to participate in the pilot program  
8       shall apply to the commissioner. The commissioner shall select three  
9       municipalities from among such applicants, one of which shall have a  
10      population of less than twenty thousand, one of which shall have a  
11      population of twenty thousand or more, but not exceeding fifty  
12      thousand, and one of which shall have a population exceeding fifty  
13      thousand. The police department of each municipality shall invite  
14      residents of such municipality to participate in such program as  
15      civilian volunteers. Volunteers shall be selected by the chief of police  
16      with the approval of the legislative body.

17 (c) Volunteers shall drive to parking locations and shall observe  
 18 motor vehicles parked in spaces designated as "Handicapped Parking".  
 19 If a motor vehicle does not display a placard or number plates  
 20 permitting it to park in such space, or if the placard or number plates  
 21 have expired, the volunteer shall take photographs of such vehicle in  
 22 accordance with instructions provided by the police department. The  
 23 volunteer shall complete an affidavit supplied by the police  
 24 department and shall submit the photographs and affidavit to the  
 25 police department. The department shall review the photographs and  
 26 the affidavit and, if appropriate, shall issue a summons to the  
 27 registered owner of such motor vehicle. The state shall remit to each  
 28 municipality participating in the pilot program established by this  
 29 section twenty-five per cent of the amount received with respect to  
 30 each summons issued by such municipality for a violation of section  
 31 14-253a of the general statutes.

32 (d) On or before January 1, 2012, the Department of Motor Vehicles  
 33 shall submit a report on such pilot program to the joint standing  
 34 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
 35 relating to motor vehicles, in accordance with the provisions of section  
 36 11-4a of the general statutes. The report shall describe the program  
 37 conducted by each municipality and the results of each such program,  
 38 including the number of volunteers who participated and the number  
 39 of violations of the provisions of (1) section 14-253a of the general  
 40 statutes, and (2) municipal ordinance codes, for which a summons was  
 41 issued.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2011	New section

**TRA**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**PD**      *Joint Favorable*